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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted to address rejections set forth in the Office Action of October 14, 1999 in the parent application. Reconsideration of the application in light of the following amendments and remarks is requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Four Times Amended) A composition comprising a population of polylactide or poly ([D-L-]lactide-co-glycolide) (PLGA) polymer microspheres encapsulating an antigen, wherein said population is produced from an emulsion comprising aqueous antigen and a polylactide or PLGA polymer, and